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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Blue Gull V Carrier Operation

1. I was informed by [] at 1700L on 1 Oct 69 that Cmdr Flanagan (Naval Carrier Operations) had been designated the Naval contact officer for coordination to obtain carrier deck time for U-2R/pilot qualification.

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2. I confirmed through SS/OSA [] on 2 Oct that I was cleared to discuss Blue Gull operations with Cmdr Flanagan. Upon establishing contact with Cmdr Flanagan, he requested to know when he could visit this organization for a more detailed briefing and requested the following information:

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- a. Number of aircraft involved.
- b. Number of pilots.
- c. The actual deck time required (i.e., hours or days).

3. I returned his call on 3 Oct and provided him with the following information:

- a. One aircraft.
- b. Four or five pilots.
- c. One full day or two half days of deck time.

He then requested to know the field we would operate from and recommended the following be considered.

Mayport NS, Florida

Cecil Field NAS, Florida

Patrick AFB, Florida

Charleston AFB, South Carolina

Hunter AFB, Georgia

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4. Cmdr Flanagan expressed some doubt that this was ample time to qualify the aircraft and pilots. He then requested additional information, i.e., gross weight of the aircraft, frequency of refueling, etc.

5. I am presently obtaining a date that Cmdr Flanagan can visit OSA and receive a more detailed briefing on the Blue Gull operation. There is a possibility that he can secure deck time during the period 27 Oct - 18 Nov and/or 5 - 12 Dec if we will deploy to the Florida area.

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